

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING August 15, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Mazza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **"Sunshine Law" Announcement**-Adequate notice of this public meeting has been provided by Annual Notice; published in the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. This meeting has been rescheduled as per action of the Township Committee on July 18, 2018 meeting from August 1, 2018. The notice was published in the designated official newspapers in conformance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

**1. FLAG SALUTE****2. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Mr. Severino		X
Mr. Hirt	X	
Mr. Sroka		X
Mr. Neary	X	
Mr. Mazza	X	

Also present J.P. Jost, Attorney, Robert C. Clerico, P.E., Grace Brennan, CFO and Municipal Clerk Ella M. Ruta.

**3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2018.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

**OUT OF AGENDA ORDER****5. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Action may be taken following Executive Session**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2018-76**

**Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

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WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Union to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Required by Law to be Confidential: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Involving Individual Privacy: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
6. \_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigation of possible violations of the law.
7.   X   Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
8. \_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in public session on August 15, 2018, at 7:03 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140

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Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt		X	X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

The Committee returned to regular meeting session at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt		X	X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

**Atty. Jost asked that the following motion be approved:**

To authorize Special Counsel Jonathan Drill to investigate the matter discussed in Executive Session regarding the possible violation of fill being placed in the conservation and/or drainage easements at Rupell Road and also to take appropriate action.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt		X	X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

BACK TO AGENDA ORDER

**6. VISITORS**

- a. Millie Conte, 10 Lisa Lane – voiced her concern about the condition of Baptist Church Road – Messrs. Mazza and Clerico said the Committee is researching the possibility of obtaining a State Grant. Peter Turek, Baptist Church Road, Bryna Elder, 580 Main Street Pattenburg and Michael Lucas, Baptist Church Road concurred with Ms. Conte about the Road. Mr. Mazza emphasized the Committee would consider their concerns.

**7. REPORTS RECEIVED - Acknowledged**

- a. Road Dept.- Week Ending; 6/29/18; 7/13/18; 7/20/18; 7/28/18; 8/03/18
- b. Zoning Officer – July 2018

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- c. Animal Control Officer – July 2018
- d. Municipal Court – July 2018
- e. Public Safety Coordinator – Marc Strauss submitted his report. Not present.
- f. Engineer's Report
- NJDOT Grants – Said applications for 2019 are available. Deadline for filing is October 8, 2019. Baptist Church Road will be considered.
- Perryville Road/Railroad Crossing – Meeting held at the Municipal Building. NJDOT has hired a contractor. The Railroad (Norfolk/Southern) will do work related to storm drainage and curbing. Construction should be done in September or October of this year and take approximately two weeks.
- Frontage Road Grants – Working with the State regarding the improvements.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE****9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Debbie Hirt, 40 Springhouse Lane – Ms. Hirt voiced her concern about the derelict property at the corner of Main Street and Route 614. She and her neighbors consider the house to be a fire hazard and that action should be taken. Mr. Droumbakis, owner of the property gave a status report. He said work is progressing and should be completed soon.

**10. PUBLIC HEARING – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading****ORDINANCE #2018-8**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$380,000.00 CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

**To open Public Hearing**

Voice Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

**To close Public Hearing**

Voice Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

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**To adopt**

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

**11. OLD BUSINESS****ORDINANCE #2018 - TABLED****AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF FESTIVALS AND LARGE ASSEMBLIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Atty. Jost asked that the Ordinance is tabled.

**Atty Jost asked that the following Ordinance is introduced on the first reading:****NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the following Ordinance was adopted on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law. Notice is hereby given that the said Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a public hearing to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, at which time all interested parties will be heard.

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 Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk
**ORDINANCE 2018-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION,  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
REGARDING DRIVEWAYS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, New Jersey that Article **13-2, DRIVEWAYS**, of the Code of the Township of Union is hereby amended as follows (additions thusly, deletions ~~thusly~~):

**13-2.2 Definitions** – amend the following definitions:

For the purposes of this section:

**Driveway** shall mean any lane, way, opening, construction entrance, or privately owned road entering upon any public road within the Township of Union, ~~including access to farm buildings, except openings used solely for access to farm fields.~~

~~**Minor Driveway Modification** shall mean driveway modifications not requiring a modification of an existing driveway that does not alter the surface features, width or drainage of the existing driveway, as documented by~~

the filing of a Township driveway modification application and checklist, signed by the property owner and driveway contractor, and as reviewed and approved by the Township Zoning Officer and Road Foreman, and, if deemed necessary, in consultation with the Township Engineer.

**13-2.4 Minimum Requirements** – amend subsection (g) to read as follows:

- g. *Emergency Services Approval.* Emergency services, such as fire and rescue, may recommend ~~require~~, in certain circumstances, additional work related to driveway construction such as, but not limited to, peel-offs, graded areas for turnarounds or parking, graded areas for storage tank drop-off, guide rails, additional driveway width, etc. The Township Engineer may refer any application to emergency services, and conditions ~~imposed~~ recommended thereby will be binding upon the applicant, unless countermanded by the Township Engineer as being impractical or unfeasible.

**13-2.14 Application for Permit; Inspection** – amend subsections a., b. and c. to read as follows:

- a. The application shall contain a plan in sufficient detail for the Township Engineer to determine compliance with this section. For existing driveways to be modified, the applicant shall consult with the Township Engineer before filing the application. (see subsection 13-2.14b.)

~~The~~ All driveway applications shall include the following information:

1. A site plan or sketch prepared by a professional engineer licensed in the State of New Jersey showing the following information:
  - (a) Property lines;
  - (b) Entire length of proposed driveway and its relation to the intersecting road;
  - (c) Intersecting road right-of-way line;
  - (d) Location of dwellings or structures (existing and proposed);
  - (e) Septic system location;
  - (f) Existing surface and subsurface drainage facilities, swales, etc.;
  - (g) Site lines in accordance with subsection 13-2.4d;
  - (h) A profile of the driveway showing existing and proposed centerline grades and elevations for its entire length;
  - (i) The type of storm drainage to be constructed along the driveway and at the driveway intersection with the road, i.e., dish-type gutter, pipe or culvert. Sizes of pipes, culverts and gutters, grades, elevations, typical cross sections, construction details and any other information deemed necessary for the proper analysis of the installation shall also be shown including details of stormwater control devices;
  - (j) Location of proposed silt fence and other soil erosion and sedimentation control measures;
  - (k) Location of any easements, wetlands, buffers, floodplains, etc.;
  - (l) Proposed pavement detail;
  - (m) Existing and proposed topography.
- b. Minor Driveway Modification. ~~Where a driveway existed on the date of the adoption of this section5 and the owner has decided to construct a minor modification modify said driveway as defined herein to an~~

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existing driveway, then the owner shall file an application for a minor driveway modification with the Township Engineer Zoning Officer on forms provided, together with a completed minor driveway modification checklist and a fee of ~~fifty~~ seventy-five (\$50.00 \$75.00) dollars. Driveway plans, profiles, and construction details are not required, unless deemed necessary by the Zoning Officer upon consultation with the Township Engineer and/or Road Foreman. If review by the Township Engineer is determined by the Zoning Officer to be required, then escrow per subsection 13-2.3 shall be required.

- c. Except in the case of minor driveway modification applications, (T)the Township Engineer shall inspect the premises and review the application and if the proposed improvements comply with the standards of this section (for site improvements, the applicable development approval and/or building ordinance), the Township Engineer shall issue a driveway permit. If the determination is that the proposed driveway or driveway modifications or site improvements do not comply with standards of this section, then the applicant shall receive written notice specifying the particulars of noncompliance.

**Severability.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Repealer.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

Attest:

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Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

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Matt Severino, Mayor

First Reading: August 15, 2018

Publication: August 23, 2018

Public Hearing: September 5, 2018

Adoption: September 5, 2018

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

## 12. NEW ORDINANCE – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### NOTICE

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Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk

### ORDINANCE 2018 – 9

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 FOR PREPARATION OF AN APPROVED TAX MAP

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to the Local Budget Law of New Jersey, and in particular N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 a special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 is hereby authorized and made for the purpose of the preparation of an approved tax map for the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey.

**Section 2.** Said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than one-fifth of the total amount (\$10,000) in each of the next succeeding annual budgets.

**Section 3.** The Township's Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to finance such emergency appropriation from surplus funds available.

**Section 4.** In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 two copies of this ordinance as finally adopted shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final adoption, as provided by law.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The following Resolution was introduced for approval:

#### RESOLUTION #2018-77

#### UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY FIREWORKS APPROVAL – HUNTERDON DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

WHEREAS in order to provide entertainment at the Hunterdon County Developmental Center, located at 40 County Road 513, Clinton, New Jersey, permission has been requested to allow a fireworks display on Friday, September 20 2018, at approximately 8:00 p.m.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union that permission is granted to allow a fireworks display at the Hunterdon County Developmental Center on Friday, September 21, 2018 at 8:00 p.m., subject to the following conditions:

1. The persons conducting the fireworks display and all other persons involved shall hold the Township of Union harmless from any liability in connection with said display.
2. A Certificate of Liability Insurance listing the Township of Union, 140 Perryville Rd., Hampton, N. J. 08827, as a named insured shall be supplied to the Township Clerk prior to issuance of this consent.
3. Compliance with all requirements of law and any requirements of the Township's Insurance Carrier.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt		X	X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

- b. The following Resolution was introduced for approval:

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION  
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION 2018 - 78  
DEMOLITION BOND REFUND  
ELIZABETH BARTOLO  
104 PERRYVILLE ROAD, PITTSTOWN, NJ 08867  
BLOCK 25 LOT 27**

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Bartolo posted \$500.00 for an demolition bond, and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Bartolo has requested a refund of the bond, and

**WHEREAS**, the inspections are complete and the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the demolition bond of \$500.00 be released to Elizabeth Bartolo.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt		X	X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

- c. The following Resolution was introduced for approval:

**UNION TOWNSHIP  
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION 2018 – 79**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2018 the governing body of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:**

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Union,

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt		X	X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary	X		X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

d. The following Resolution was introduced for approval:

**REOSLUTION 2018 – 80  
SALARY INCREASE FOR SEASONAL EMPLOYEE  
MATTHEW MARTINEZ**

**WHEREAS**, Matthew Martinez, a part time seasonal employee in the Department of Roads and Facilities, is an employee in good standing, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee deems it appropriate to increase his hourly rate of pay from \$14.00 to \$15.00 per hour,

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Union that the hourly rate of pay for Matthew Martinez is hereby increased to \$15.00 per hour, effective August 17, 2018.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

- e. **Motion to Approve:** North Hunterdon Rotary Club 2018 Skylands Triathlon

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried – Subject to Current Insurance Coverage

- f. **Motion to Approve:** Social Affair Permit – Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation, September 24, 2018 at Grand Colonial

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

- g. **Motion to Approve:** Back to School Party, August 25, 2018

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

- h. **Discussion** – Green Rock Quarry License -

Atty. Jost asked for the following motion to be approved:

To extend the License until September 19, 2018.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X

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Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion carried

- i. **Discussion** - Blasting at Liberty Quarry – Clinton Liberty Quarry Representative Bruce Feld was present.

Atty. Jost asked about the Letter of Credit (LOC) /Performance Bond. Mr. Feld said there is a LOC that is posted with Union Township. Mr. Jost would like a valid document.

Atty. Jost asked Mr. Clerico to address the blasting issue. Mr. Clerico stated the Quarry License Application does not include a question regarding blasting. He also said he had received calls from Quarry neighbors.

Mr. Feld said the Quarry Ordinance only requires that the Municipal Clerk be notified 24 hours in advance of blasting and that information had been submitted. He said testimony to the Planning Board included a statement by Quarry License applicant that blasting may or will occur. Mr. Feld said the **State** issued a Permit and Atty. Jost and Mr. Clerico were notified. He said the State, the State Fire Marshal and Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Company and the NJ State Police were notified 24 hours in advance.

Mr. Feld referenced phone calls received by the Engineer regarding impact on property values. He indicated it would be expected loud noises coming from a nearby quarry. He explained the blasting and monitoring process. Mr. Clerico expressed appreciation to Mr. Feld for providing information regarding notification to proper entities.

Eva Gallea, 18 Carhart Court Resident adjacent to the Quarry – Said she received a notice in her mailbox from Mr. Feld. Ms. Gallea said her whole house shook because of the blasting. She contacted the State Bureau of Mining Safety and they sent a representative to her house who explained the blasting process. Ms. Gallea mentioned the nearby gas line and questioned the blasting impact. Mr. Feld explained why the blasting methodology was necessary. Mr. Mazza referenced the gas line. Mr. Feld said it is not on the Quarry property and is not their responsibility to address the issue. Mr. Mazza questioned the quarrying/reclamation process. Mr. Clerico offered an explanation of the procedure. Ms. Gallea continued voicing her concern about the blasting and the impact on property safety and value. She asked Mr. Feld to pay for a survey of her property to see if there would be any significant damage to her property. Mr. Hirt suggested that Ms. Gallea photograph her home before and after blasting. Ms. Gallea invited Committee members to come to her house to observe the blasting operation. Mr. Clerico asked Mr. Feld to advise him of future blasting. Mr. Feld will also notify the Municipal Clerk 24 hours in advance. Atty. Jost said he would like to observe the blasting as well. Mr. Mazza said the discussion would continue at the next Committee Meeting.

- j. **Discussion** – Creating the position of Township Enforcement Officer

Atty. Jost said the Property Maintenance Code adopted in 2017 created the position of Property Maintenance Inspector. A Code Enforcement Officer could enforce violations not within the duty of the Inspector. Atty. Jost will draft an Ordinance creating the Position of Township Enforcement Officer.

## 14. REPORTS

- a. **Attorney's Report** – issues discussed previously.
- b. **Committee Report** -
- c. **Deputy Mayor's Report**

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Mr. Mazza reported the following:

- Spoke with Dale Harding regarding planting trees by the Storage Buildings behind the Municipal Building.
- Fire Tax – Mr. Mazza said someone had reported that the Township was in favor of a Fire Tax. He said the Township does not support nor does the Township want to support such a Tax in the near future.
- Township Wide Recycling/Garbage Pickup – Mrs. Brennan spoke with a State Spokesperson who was uncertain how Municipal Service would be handled. Mr. Mazza noted the sanitation haulers are damaging Township Roads. Mrs. Brennan also spoke with the Readington Township Administrator about the issue.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**7. PAYMENTS OF BILLS**

The approved list of bills and all claims against the Township of Union as appearing in the Claims Register of this date paid and that all checks listed hereinafter issued in payment thereof.

Roll Call Vote	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Severino						X
Mr. Hirt	X		X			
Mr. Sroka						X
Mr. Neary		X	X			
Mr. Mazza			X			

Motion Carried

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**– conducted at the start of the meeting

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time Mr. Neary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Mr. Hirt seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

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Transcribed by: Grace A. Kocher, Deputy Clerk

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Frank T. Mazza, Deputy Mayor